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SUBJ: SMC FREES TOMBALBAYE POLITICAL PRISONERS;
APPEALS TO INSURGENTS; REBEL LEADER SENDS GREETINGS

1. ON APRIL 28, FIRST DAY OF NEW WORK HOURS DECREED BY
SMC (0700-1200 AND 1530-1730 MON-FRI AND 0700-1200
SAT), SMC PRESIDENT GEN. MALLOUM DECLARED HOLIDAY
AND MASS MEETING INDEPENDENCE SQUARE. THIS FIRST
FORMAL APPEARANCE SMC BEFORE POPULACE, AND MANY
ANTICIPATED PURPOSE WOULD BE TO ANNOUNCE NEW GOVERNMENT.
INSTEAD, HOWEVER, MALLOUM IN BRIEF SPEECH ANNOUNCED
LIBERATION POLITICAL PRISONERS OF TOMBALBAYE REGIME.
LIBERATION CALLED "UNCONDITIONAL," BUT MALLOUM
CAREFUL TO POINT OUT THAT "ALL POLITICAL PARTIES
AND MANIFESTATIONS BANNED," AND THAT
PRISONERS EXPECTED RETURN TO FORMER HOMES AND
PROFESSIONS.

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2. LIST OF FREED PRISONERS PUBLISHED APRIL 29
CONTAINED 170 NAMES, HEAVY PROPORTION OF WHICH,
AS ANTICIPATED, INDICATE NORTHERN OR
MOSLEM ORIGINS. FROM THOSE EMB HAS BEEN ABLE
TO IDENTIFY, THEY RANGE FROM FORMER PRESIDENT
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND MINISTERS TO 15-YEAR OLD
GIRL. KALTOUMA N'GUEMBANG AND HER FOLLOWERS,
WHO CONVICTED FEBRUARY OF PLOTTING OVERTHROW
TOMBALBAYE BY MEANS SORCERY, ALSO FREED ALONG
WITH CO-ACCUSED CAMEROONIAN UNSAVORY
FORMER DIRECTOR CHAD RADIO WHO FREED BUT
EXPELLED. NEXT SMC MEMBER GEN. DJOGO
READ LIST OF 37 POLITICAL DETAINEES WHO DIED IN
PRISON SINCE BEGINNING OF 1974, GIVING DATE AND
CAUSE OF DEATH (PRINCIPALLY DISEASE BUT INCLUDING
WOUNDS AND SELF-IMMOLATION). FINALLY, SMC
MEMBER MAJ. KAMOUGUE READ LIST 37 NAMES OF
DETAINEES NO TRACES OF WHOM WERE FOUND AND WHO
ARE BELIEVED DEAD. CEREMONY CONCLUDED WITH
MINUTE OF SILENCE AND FINAL REMARKS OF GEN.
MALLOUM WHO, NOTING HIS OWN SUFFERINGS,
STATED THAT TOMBALBAYE ALONE RESPONSIBLE
FOR MISDEEDS AND "NEITHER HIS FAMILY MUCH
LESS HIS TRIBE" SHOULD SUFFER FOR THEM.
NEITHER HATE NOR VEGENCE SHOULD BE BASIS OF
NEW CHAD.

3. FOLLOWING DAY, CHAD MEDIA PUBLISHED
MESSAGE FROM DERDE WODE KICHIDEMI
(RELIGIOUS/TRIBAL LEADER NORTHERN CHAD WHO
FLED TO LIBYA) WHICH CONGRATULATED OFFICERS ON
OVERTHROW OF TOMBALBAYE. MESSAGE CONCLUDED
THAT HE "READY TO REGAIN OUR NOBLE COUNTRY OF
CHAD BUT ALL DEPENDS ON PATRIOTIC ACTS WHICH
WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY SMC."
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